With Bat, Ball and Glove in Burg Across the Big Bridge From the Days of Dicky Pierce to Those of Jake Daubert

BROOKLYN ONE OF THE CRADLES BASEBALL

National Pastime Gained Its Early Fame in Burg Across Bridge.

FAMOUS ATLANTICS STILL SPOKEN OF

Regarded as Greatest of All Old Time Aggregations-Excelsiors a Great Team.

Over vonder across the big bridge in Brooklyn the fans are all "het up" over the success of Uncle Wilbert Robinson's Superbas. Since the Dodgers took the lead early in May they have not been headed except for an occasional day or so in that month. They now are playing an article of baseball that the majority of critics throughout the country think that, barring accidents to star players, will capture the first National League pennant Brooklyn has won since 1900.

If any city is deserving of the honor of staging one-half of the world's series battles next fall it is the burg across the big bridge. One can journey around both of the major league circuits without finding as faithful and loval a bunch of rooters as for years have gathered in grand stand and bleachers at Ebbets Field and old Washington Park. Brooklyn took the Dodgers unto itself for better or for worse, and the Brooklyn fans have stuck to the team through thick and thin and through weal and woe. It is high time that their faithfulness again should be rewarded with a pennant, and—glory be—perhaps a world's championship banner.

Baseball practically had its beginning in Brooklyn. It was the rivairy
between the old Excelsiors, Eckfords,
Putnams and Atlantics back in the '50s
that gave baseball its impetus and
helped it to spread like an epidemic
throughout the country. One couldn't
attempt to marrate the history of the
Brooklyn National League club without
first briefly touching upon those early
baseball days in Brooklyn—the days of
the great Dicky Pierce, Fred Crane, Pete
O'Brien, Jim Creighton, Asa Brainard,
J. B. Leggett, Zettlein, Start, Pike and
MeDonald.

mencement of the 1869 season, went
through that year undefeated, continuing unbeaten until June 14, 1870, when
in a thrilling eleven inning game in
Brooklyn the Atlantics won by a score
of 8 to 7. Previous to the defeat the
Red Stockings played 57 games, winsping 56 and tying 1.

The famous game was played on the
old Capitoline Grounds, which ran from
Nostrand to Marcy avenue, between
Putnam avenue and Halsey street,
Brooklyn. Nine thousand persons paid
50 cents admission for the privilege of
standing and watching the game. There
was no grand stand; no seats.

J. B. Leggett. Zettlein, Start, Pike and McDonald.

Brooklyn's first great ball team was the old Excelsiors, which was organized December 8, 1854, and around which much baseball history was written until well up in the '60s. The Excelsiors were from South Brooklyn. In May, 1855, the Putnams of Williamsburg, then a suburb of Brooklyn, were organized, and on June 27, 1855, the famous old Eckfords of Greenpoint shied a castor into the baseball arena, to be followed by the Atlantics of Williamsburg and the Atlantics of Williamsburg and the Atlantics of Jamaica, the Stars, Continentals, Enterprises, Hamiltons and Mutuals.

About that time the Knickerbockers, Gothams, Eagles, and Empirea of New York flourished on this end of the bridge and the rivalry among those four New York teams and the Excelsiors, Putnams, Eckfords and Atlantics did much to popularize baseball and cause the sport

popularize baseball and cause the sport to be taken up throughout the country.

The first baseball clash between New a play

game caused intence interest. Brooklyn, represented by six players from the Atlantics and three from the Eckfords, was beaten, 29 to 18, by the picked New York nine selected from several teams.

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OLD FACES, OLD SCENES, THAT WILL JOG THE MEMORIES OF THE OLD GUARD AMONG BROOKLYN ROOTERS



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The trip was made under the direction of Capt. J. B. Leggett. The Excelsiors left Brooklyn for Albany on June 30, 1860. On July 2 they beat the champion nine of the Capital City by a score of 1871. The ball that went with the victory over the Red Stockings among the collection. The case originally was the property of Mike Henry, the Excelsiors winning, 13 to 7. The Niagaras of Buffalo were deferted, 50 to 19, the highest score recorded in baseball up to that date.

The Flour City nine of Rochester was walloped, 21 to 1, and the Live Oaks of walloped, 21 to 1, and the Live Oaks of same city defeated, 27 to 9. New-the same city defeated, 27 to 9. New-the same city defeated, 59 to 14, setting an analyse of the Atlantics old supporters.

Mutuals in Brocklyn. In the front of the executive offices

Reds' Great Streak Broken. Neither side scored in the tenth, b

The first baseball clash between New York and Brooklyn took place on the Fashion Race Course, Long Island, July 20, 1858. Despite the fact that the grounds were hard to get to—about the only way from New York was from Fulton Ferry to Hunter's Point and thence by the Flushing Railroad to Fashion Point—1.500 persons, a large crowd for those days, paid 50 cents admission and witnessed the game.

New York won by a score of 22 to 18.

A month later the second game of the series took place, and Brooklyn reversed matters by winning, 29 to 8. The tuird game caused intence interest. Brooklyn, the Atlantics snatched victory from the

the Atlantics snatched victory from the Jaws of defeat. Smith singled and went clear to third on a wild pitch. Start hammered a three bagger into the crowd in right field, scoring Smith, regis-tering himself with the tying run on

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TEAM

Complete roster of Brooklyn Baseball Club from start of National League to present day.

The international production of the Ministry o

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Paltimore, however, r was reduced from a two Superbas captured Some of those old Sur-Keeler, Fielder Jones, Hug Bill Dahlen, Lave Cross, Jack Dunn, Dan McGann, 1 Jim McGuire-never will be for Their names have enriched base

The famous Superbas of

Kennedy pitching, Broadwa catching, Jennings at short ar Daly and Dahlen on the ba Keeler, Kelley and Anderson Jones, the regular centre nel the Boston battery, with Collins and Long in th Duffy, Hamilton and Sta-field. Not a run was s

Brooklyn American Association pennant Hughes with 13 victo winners of 1889. Doyle had been man-and Jack Dunn with winners of 1889. Doyle had been manager in 1884 and Hackett in 1886, President Byrne himself acting as manazer
in 1885 and 1887. It was a corking team
McGunnigle piloted into the championship. Bobby Caruthers, William H.
"Adonis" Terry, Mike Hughes and Tom
Lovett all pitched some great ball, with
Caruthers leading the league with 36
victories and 2 defeats for a percentage.

McGinnity Pitc
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American Association Champs.

Billy McGunnigle was manager of the games for

McGinnity Pitches Great Ball.

victories and 2 defeats for a percentage with the addition of .800. Doe Bushong was behind the the pitching staff, bat. Bob Clark and Visner were the twiriers that yea bat. Bob Clark and Visner were the other catchers, the latter player also filling in at right field when Tom Burns was not patrolling the starboard outpost. Hubert Collins was on second, Dave Foutz first base, George Pinckney at third and George J. "Germany" Smith at short. The great Darby O'Brien played left field and the hard hitting John Corkhill in centre field. Three years ago a son of "Germany" Smith was given a tryout by Brooklyn. The lad was promising, but had to give up basehall on account of a weak heart.

Brooklyn entered the National League the next year and captured the National League the next year and form \$2\$ victories seed feats. Keeler, Kelley and Jos Keeler and Kelley fell off a 1900 minute form \$2\$ victories and feats. Keeler, Kelley and Jos Spectively, but Jones picked in 1900 Brooklyn got away to position and hung there till when they went into the league the next year and captured from \$2\$ victories and feats. Keeler, Kelley and Jos Spectively, but Jones picked in 1900 Brooklyn got away to position and hung there till when they went into the league the next year and captured from \$2\$ victories and feats. Keeler, Kelley and Jos Spectively, but Jones picked in 1900 Brooklyn got away to position and hung there till when they went into the league the next year with \$25 and \$25

tically the same team that brought the Superbas of 1900 w home the bacon in the American Association the year previous. Charles B. ("Lady") Baldwin was purchased from Columbus and materially strengthened the pitching staff. Tom Daly was added finished in third post the pitching staff. Tom Daly was added and Hosel in third po as a catcher, and he and Clark did the bulk of the backstopping. George Stallings, now manager of the Boston Braves, and C. S. Reynolds also were given a tryout as catchers, but let go, and maybe that is one reason why Stallings on the state of the state o given a tryout as catchers, but let go, and maybe that is one reason why Stallings now takes greater pleasure in having Boston beat Brooklyn than any other team in the league. Pat Donavan was added as an outfielder and replaced Corkhiff in centre field.

When Brooklyn won the National League championship in 1890, it had a Course to Brooklyn in Broo

to its foundation, but the Brooklyn Nationals did not have a single man go over to the Players League. There was lots of abseball over in the burg across the bridge in 1890. Brooklyn had three teams on its hands. The National League held forth at Washington Park, the Players League at Eastern Park, and the American Association put in a team at Ridgewood Park, but disbanded in August. The Brotherhood team, under the Brooklyn club was 15 in 1906 to attemnt to Reds. Pat Donovan ager. Till Wilbert it managerial reins stayed steadily in the Managers Donovan. Dahlen failing to lift